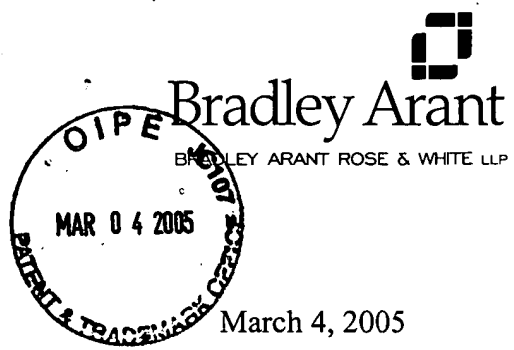


3-7-05

3683  
Nathan W. Johnson



ONE FEDERAL PLACE  
1819 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH  
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35203-2104  
205.521.8000 FAX 205.521.8800  
WWW.BRADLEYARANT.COM  
Nathan W. Johnson

Direct Dial: 205.521.8369  
Direct Fax: 205.488.6369  
njohnson@bradleyarant.com

March 4, 2005

Application Serial Number: 09/590,586  
Filed: June 8, 2000  
Inventor: William W. Holmes, IV  
Group Art Unit: 3683  
Examiner: Nguyen, Xuan Lan T  
Attorney Docket Number: U6220/53569/NWJ

**EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV387963017US**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IDS**

Dear Sirs:

The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(c) together with a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), by CHECK. (This filing is believed to occur before the mailing of a final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first).

Applicant by submitting the references taken alone or in combination neither represents nor admits that such references anticipate or render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested. Applicant accordingly reserves the right to challenge any reference to the submitted and identified documents as prior art.

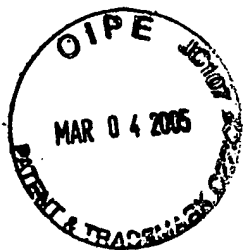
It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Nathan W. Johnson  
Reg. No. 44,173

**OF COUNSEL**  
Bradley Arant Rose & White LLP  
1819 Fifth Avenue North  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2104  
Tel: 205-521-8369  
Fax: 205-488-6369

03/10/2005 AMONDAF1 00000070 09590586

01 FC:1806 180.00 DP

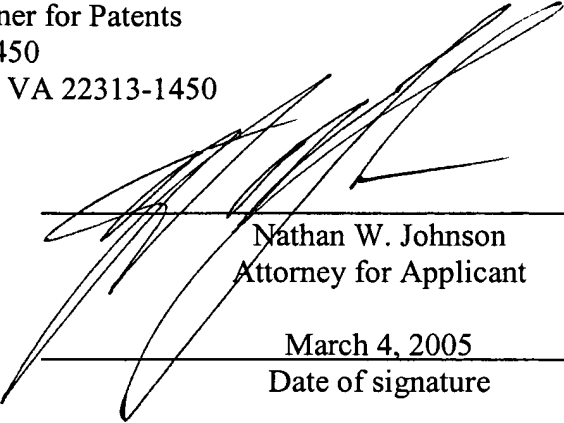


### CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that the Information Disclosure Statement referred to on the first page is enclosed, together with copies of the references cited therein, and that the same are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV387963017US Post Office to Addressee, in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on March 4, 2005.



---

Nathan W. Johnson  
Attorney for Applicant

---

March 4, 2005  
Date of signature

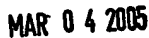
### AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

If, after processing the enclosed items, any charges, fees, or sums due remain unpaid in connection with this correspondence, I hereby authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to charge all such remaining fees, charges, and other sums due to Deposit Account Number 50-0954.



---

Nathan W. Johnson



Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/590,586
Filing Date	June 8, 2000
First Named Inventor	William W Holmes, IV
Art Unit	3683
Examiner Name	NGUYEN, XUAN LAN T
Attorney Docket Number	U6220/53569/NWJ

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.*